

House File 256 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 100)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the minimum age of applicants for licenses
2 from the board of educational examiners.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2023, is amended by striking the
3 subparagraph.

4 Sec. 2. Section 272.12, Code 2023, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 **272.12 Para-educator certificates.**

7 The board of educational examiners shall adopt rules
8 pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) relating to a voluntary certification
9 system for para-educators. The rules shall specify rights,
10 responsibilities, levels, and qualifications for the
11 certificate. Applicants shall be disqualified for any reason
12 specified in [section 272.2, subsection 14](#), or in administrative
13 rule. ~~Notwithstanding [section 272.2, subsection 14](#), paragraph~~
14 ~~"b", subparagraph (2), the~~ The board may issue a para-educator
15 certificate to a person who is at least eighteen years of age.
16 A person holding a para-educator certificate shall not perform
17 the duties of a licensed practitioner. A certificate issued
18 pursuant to [this chapter](#) shall not be considered a teacher
19 or administrator license for any purpose specified by law,
20 including the purposes specified under [this chapter](#) or chapter
21 279.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill relates to the minimum age of applicants for
26 licenses from the board of educational examiners (BOEE).
27 Current law requires the BOEE to adopt rules that require the
28 BOEE to disqualify an applicant for a license if the applicant
29 is less than 21 years of age, with certain limited exceptions.
30 The bill strikes this requirement and makes conforming changes.